

Minutes of Meeting
CONWAY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 26, 2017

The Selectmen's Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of Conway Town Hall with the following present: Selectmen, C. David Weathers, Mary Carey Seavey, Carl Thibodeau, John Colbath and Steven Porter; Town Manager, Thomas Holmes and Recording Secretary, Holly Meserve.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Weathers led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Ms. Seavey, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

PROSPECT ROAD STREETLIGHT

Dick and Mary Gilmore of 45 Prospect Road appeared before the Board to discuss their request to turn off a streetlight on Prospect Road. Mr. Holmes stated the Gilmore's are part-time residents; and at the last meeting the Board voted to keep the street light on. Mr. Holmes stated a survey was sent out, we received four responses in the time frame given and it was 2-2. Mr. Holmes stated we received one late response and they were in favor of having it shut off.

Mr. Gilmore submitted an email to the board. Mr. Gilmore stated we have lived in Conway for seven years and for five years the street light in our front yard has been off. Mr. Gilmore stated when the Town replaced lights with LED lights it was turned back on. Mr. Gilmore stated when it was turned back on it was instantly intrusive, it pours in all our windows.

Mary Gilmore stated we've had to close the windows, the light goes right into our bedroom and lights up the front porch. Ms. Gilmore stated they could pull the shades, but we don't want to, we like the fresh air and the natural light. Ms. Gilmore stated the whole street is in darkness except for that one street light, it is terrible.

Mr. Gilmore stated the light is in our front yard, it does not affect anyone else on the street except us. Mr. Gilmore asked if they could move the light to where the other residents want it. Ms. Seavey stated they are not our lights. Mr. Holmes stated we pay for them, they are not our poles.

Ms. Seavey stated she thought they were only at the end of the streets. Mr. Weathers stated they are the end of each intersection. Ms. Seavey asked if there is one at the end of the road. Mr. Gilmore answered in the affirmative. Mr. Holmes suggested tabling the discussion to give the Board a chance to go out and look at it. The Board agreed.

REQUEST FOR BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGN ON WEST SIDE ROAD

Ted Sares appeared before the Board to discuss a request for a blind driveway sign on West Side Road. Paul DegliAngeli was in attendance. Mr. Sares stated this was discussed several years ago; Earl Sires, Paul DegliAngeli and Larry Martin did come over to look at it and we had a disagreement. Mr. Sares stated Mr. DegliAngeli had stated that based on a study they were not that effective. Mr. Sares stated he didn't press the issue at that time, however, since that time traffic has essentially doubled on the West Side Road. Mr. Sares stated we cannot turn left, we turn right go the strawberry farm and turn around.

Mr. Sares stated traffic coming north from the south is what he is worried about. Mr. Sares stated it is a dangerous area and with the added traffic and the speeding traffic it is that more dangerous. Mr. Sares stated he would like a sign across from the Lobster Trap restaurant before the guard rail; and he would like the Board to go out and look at it before they make a decision. Mr. Sares stated if the Board still disagrees, he would like to offer to buy the sign and ask for help with the installation.

Mr. DegliAngeli stated Mr. Sares is before the Board not because he had an objection to the sign, but because the Town just does not purchase these types of signs. Mr. Weathers stated he would like to go out to take a look and take some actual measurements. The Board agreed to table this discussion.

DISCUSSION OF VERMICULITE AT CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Trustee, Stacy Sand, and Library Director, David Smolen, appeared before the Board to discuss the vermiculite at the Conway Public Library. Ms. Sand stated this is a project we have been working on for about a year and half now. Ms. Sand stated we have money set aside for insulation, but we do not have enough money to remove the vermiculite from the attic. Ms. Sand stated you do not want to blow insulation on top of vermiculite, it has to be removed.

Ms. Sand stated they sent samples of this insulation to be tested by a company who is providing some funding if it is determined to be their insulation. Ms. Sand stated that it tested positive for their insulation and they have set aside \$4,000 for us for its removal; unfortunately, the cost of removal is approximately \$45,000. Ms. Sand stated Mr. Smolen has applied for an LCHIP grant, which will be announced sometime in October or November.

Ms. Sand stated in case we don't receive the grant we wanted the Board to know that there will likely be a request for additional money so we do not have to go another year without insulating. Ms. Sand stated before we can install new insulation we have to have the vermiculite removed. Ms. Sand stated their request today is for the Board to think about including the additional expense in the budget under the capital reserve building fund or that the Board requests a separate warrant article to pay for the removal.

DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION ON VETERAN'S DAY

Mr. DegliAngeli stated Veteran's Day is on a Saturday this year and per the contract we celebrate this day on Friday and, therefore, we would be open on Saturday. Mr. DegliAngeli asked if the Board would like the transfer station to be open on Saturday. Mr. DegliAngeli stated the employees, some who are Veterans, are willing to work both Friday and Saturday

and take a float day some other time. The Board agreed to table the discussion to gather public input.

REVIEW OF RECEIPTS

Receipts were available for the Board's review.

SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Conway EOP Annual Yearly Concurrence
- b. Conway Hazard Mitigation Plan Yearly Concurrence
- c. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 222-1, 226-2 and 227-17
- d. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 225-38.001 and 002

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to sign the Conway EOP Annual Yearly Concurrence; Conway Hazard Mitigation Plan Yearly Concurrence; Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 222-1, 226-2 and 227-17; and Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 225-38.001 and 002. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to reconsider the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax 222-1, 226-2 and 227-17. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to put a hold on the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax 222-1, 226-2 and 227-17. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 9/28/17
- b. Payroll 9/28/17

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 9/28/17 and Payroll dated 9/28/17. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

RATIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS SIGNED OUT OF SESSION

- a. Accounts Payable Manifest 9/21/17
- b. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber Tax Map/Lot 247-11

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Porter, to ratify the Accounts Payable Manifest dated 9/21/17. Motion carried with Mr. Porter abstaining from voting (4-0-1).

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to ratify the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Tax Map/Lot 247-11. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION(S)

There we no special event applications to consider.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. 9/12/17 Regular and Non- Public

Mr. Colbath moved, seconded by Mr. Thibodeau, to approve the regular and nonpublic minutes of 9/12/17. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Holmes stated staff will have training on the defibrillator tomorrow; Town Hall will open at 9:00 am to accommodate this training. Mr. Holmes stated he contacted the local Fire Chiefs and no one has a spare defibrillator so he may be looking to put in the budget money for a second one at Town Hall.

Mr. Holmes stated the letter regarding Eastman Road and North-South Road intersection has been sent to the State. Mr. Holmes reviewed correspondence from PSNH in regard to replacing wood structures with weathering structures. Mr. Holmes reviewed the list of streets and stated it would not affect service to homes.

Mr. Holmes stated they will be dedicating the bench in Rotary Park to Bob Therrien on Saturday. Mr. Holmes stated he will be sending letters to residents of Mill Street thanking them for their patience during the reconstruction of the road.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Porter stated he had nothing to report.

Mr. Colbath stated the Zoning Board of Adjustment met last week and the Board granted two applications.

Mr. Thibodeau stated the Airport Authority Executive Committee meets on Thursday.

Ms. Seavey stated Valley Vision met; they discussed their upcoming lease and some building issues that have been taken care of. Ms. Seavey stated the Rec Committee met and reviewed the surveys. Mr. Colbath stated the Committee is still gathering information and the consultant reassured us that they are staying on schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND MEDIA QUESTIONS

Daymond Steer of the Conway Daily Sun asked questions regarding the Transfer Station closing on Veteran's day. The Board suggested that it be a Tele-talk question. Mr. Steer asked if there have been any complaints about the hours of Veteran's Day this year. Mr. Holmes answered in the negative.

ADJOURN

At 5:08 pm, the meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Meserve